



SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE

State Capitol, 500 East Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

November 14, 2008

Mr. Darrin Bergquist, Secretary
Department of Transportation
Becker-Hansen Building
700 East Broadway
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Secretary Bergquist:

The Government Operations and Audit Committee has scheduled a meeting for December 1, 2008, in LCR Room 1&2, in the State Capitol Building, to review various issues involving state government.

The Committee requests that you be present on December 1, 2008 to discuss the highway construction projects on US212/US81 in Watertown (project numbers PH-NH-EM 0081(30) and EM-P 4411(01)). Please provide the Committee information on when the project was added to the 5 year STIP, a map of the locations of these two projects, documentation on any right-of-way purchased, the price paid, who the right-of-way was purchased from and the dates of the purchases. In addition, prior to the purchase of the right-of-way where there other right-of-way options available, and if so what were they. The published agenda has this scheduled to begin at approximately 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flannery with the Department of Legislative Audit at 773-3595.

Sincerely,

Senator Jason M. Gant, Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee

Cc: Jason Dilges, Commissioner of Bureau of Finance and Management